



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



Welcome to St Mark's!

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Lent
40 days of preparation

Lent 3

3 March 2024

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter

Today:

7:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

9.15am Holy Communion

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We have a hearing loop available. Please turn hearing aids on to "T" switch.

Sentence of the Day

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'
Exodus 20.1

Collect

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Acknowledgement of country

As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

NOTICES

Morning Tea

Please join us for Morning Tea in the hall after both Services.

Morning Prayer

Join us for Morning Prayer each Thursday morning at 8.30am via Zoom.



Kids@Church—Play Church!

We will gather again on
Thursday 7 March at 9.30am
For all little people and their carers.

GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall. This group is for girls in high school and older.

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619



Donation

Search for St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield— Like our page, watch the Sunday sermons at your leisure!



PRAYER

FOCUS

for this week

For St Mark's
Outreach and
Mission:

The Holy Trinity Pantry at the Valley — for those in need in the inner city.

The Sick: Please use the Intercessions Book for those who you know would like to be named in our Prayers of Intercession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

Shirley Bowman
Arthur Cooper
Brian Sakzewski
Douglas Friend
Una Gyles
Penny Croft
Jack Henry
Lesley Beaton
Jessica Jensen

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

Bush Church Aid (BCA). For ministry in rural Australia.
www.bushchurchaid.com.au.

TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online
<https://stmarkstennis.com/>
\$15 per hour

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-7

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Containers For Change!

In 2023 our parish gained over \$3000 simply through keeping cans and bottles and taking them to the Albion collection centre.

Remember to recycle your wine & spirit bottles as well!

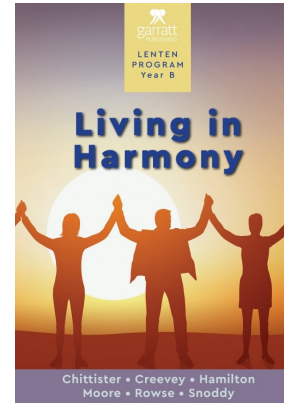
So easy - drive into 29 Park St Albion, a nice person will meet you, provide the code below and \$\$ comes to the parish!
Our Parish member number is: C10089230

PSALM 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- ² One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- ⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- ⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
**which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**
- ⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
**the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.**
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

NOTICES

PREPARE FOR EASTER—Lent is here!



LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“Harmony is a discipline. It has to be won, held, remade, revalued. At its best, it is built around the joyful play of difference, a mutual love and respect, and a treasuring of other voices and ways “ - join Canon Nicki exploring Harmony this Lent, either in a small group meeting weekly, or in your own time and place.

Join us Thursdays 11am,
in the Memorial Chapel (back of church).
Sign on Sheet at back of Church &
Copies of booklet available \$10 each



Pizza & Palm Crosses

Come and join GFS for pizza
and then palm cross making on **Friday
22 March** at 6.00pm in the hall.
Everyone welcome!



If you are able to join us, please write your name on the
list at the back of the church.

Lenten Mission for Anglicare – raising funds for backpacks for kids in Foster Care

During Lent we are raising funds to create
filled backpacks to provide children and teens
who are being removed from their homes and
transferred into foster care.
Please take an envelope for your donation or
you may donate online noting “backpacks”.



GOSPEL READING - John 2:13-22

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 2, beginning at the 13th verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Parish Council Reminder

The next Parish Council meeting will be held
Tuesday 12 March at 7pm.

Church & Hall Cleaner Needed

Our present cleaner is no longer able to clean for us. If you know of someone who would be able to clean the church and hall each week, please ask them to call the office on 3862 2221 between 7am-12pm Mon-Fri. The cleaning takes around 2-3hrs and we are able to pay around \$43.00 per hour..

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

It's all about perspective.

This Lent, are you putting yourself in the shoes of others? Gaining a new perspective in how you see things?

We can pretend to act certain ways, think certain things and be imagine our true ways cannot be seen ... but God knows our secret faults—even when we try and sneak out of our responsibilities as members of community.

"Does it look like I'm going downstairs?"

